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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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1. AMBASSADOR HILL CALLED ON ACTING UNDERSECRETARY MOLINA SALAS TO DELIVER TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE TRANSMITTED BELOW. ALTHOUGH MOLINA SALAS PROMISED THAT GOA WOULD RESPOND IN WRITING TO POINTS RAISED IN AIDE MEMOIRE HE ASKED AMBASSADOR TO STRESS FOLLOWING POINTS TO WASHINGTON:

A) THERE WAS NO NEGOTIATION WITH FAL GROUP THAT KIDNAPPED JUDGE ANZORREGUY.

B) IT IS "VERY IMPORTANT" USG UNDERSTAND THAT BEFORE ANZORREGUY WAS KIDNAPPED A LAWYER FOR SCHNEIDER HAD BEGUN PROCESS TO SECURE HIS RELEASE UNDER STATE OF SIEGE PROCEDURE. UNDER THIS LEGAL PROVISION A DETAINED PERSON CAN EXERCISE A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO OPT FOR EXILE.

C) MOLINA SALAS ALSO ASKED WE STRESS OTHER IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES IN CASES OF EGAN AND SCHNEIDER. TERRORISTS GAVE NO DEADLINE IN SCHNEIDER CASE AND ASKED FOR A PERSON IN GOA'S CUSTODY. IN EGAN CASE 4 TERRORISTS NOT IN GOA HANDS. FURTHER, HE RECALLED FACT THAT GOA HAD NOT REFUSED TO PUBLISH NAMES OF PERSONS IF THEY HAD BEEN IN GOA CUSTODY.

2. AMBASSADOR HILL THANKED MOLINA SALAS FOR HIS OBSERVATIONS

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BUT NOTED THAT DESPITE POINTS ACTING UNDERSECRETARY HAD MADE, WITHOUT A FULLER EXPLANATION FROM GOA, THE IMPRESSION WOULD REMAIN THAT DIFFERENT STANDARDS HAD BEEN APPLIED IN THE TWO CASES.

3. TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE FOLLOWS: QUOTE DURING THE EXCHANGES OF VIEWS WHICH TOOK PLACE ON FEBRUARY 27, 28 AND MARCH 1 OF THIS YEAR BETWEEN THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND WORSHIP OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC RELATING TO THE KIDNAPPING AND EVENTUAL MURDER OF JOHN PATRICK EGAN, THE UNITED STATES CONSULAR AGENT IN CORDOBA, THE EMBASSY HAD DISTINCTLY UNDERSTOOD THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC TO BE THAT IT DID NOT NEGOTIATE WITH TERRORISTS, LET ALONE ACCEDE TO THEIR DEMANDS. IN VIEW OF THIS, THE EMBASSY HAS NOTED WITH PUZZLEMENT THE STATEMENTS MADE BY SERGIO SCHNEIDER IN LIMA, PERU TO THE EFFECT THAT HIS RELEASE AND DEPORTATION FROM ARGENTINA CAME ABOUT AS A RESULT OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES AND A GIVEN TERRORIST GROUP AND IN EXCHANGE FOR THE RELEASE OF DR. HUGO ANZORREGUY, THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME TRIBUNAL OF THE PROVINCE OF BUENOS AIRES WHO HAD BEEN KIDNAPPED ON FEBRUARY 27.

THE EMBASSY RECOGNIZES THAT THESE ARE SIMPLY THE ALLEGATIONS OF SENOR SCHNEIDER. HOWEVER, THE FACTS ARE: A) THAT SCHNEIDER WAS RELEASED AND DEPORTED ONLY A FEW DAYS AFTER THE TERRORISTS HAD KIDNAPPED DR. ANZORREGUY AND DEMANDED SCHNEIDER'S RELEASE AS A CONDITION FOR HIS SAFE RETURN; AND B) THAT DR. ANZORREGUY WAS RELEASED ON MARCH 5, TWO DAYS AFTER SCHNEIDER DEPARTED ARGENTINA. THE EMBASSY IS, OF COURSE, DEEPLY GRATIFIED TO NOTE THAT DR. ANZORREGUY HAS BEEN RELEASED. A HUMAN LIFE HAS THUS BEEN SAVED. FURTHER, THE PROCEDURES THROUGH WHICH SCHNEIDER WAS RELEASED ARE STRICTLY WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES AND REPRESENT AN INTERNAL MATTER. HOWEVER, THERE WOULD SEEM TO BE SOME DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE POLICY APPARENTLY PURSUED BY THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT IN THE CASE OF DR. ANZORREGUY AND THAT WHICH WAS ENUNCIATED AND PURSUED IN THE CASE OF MR. EGAN. FOR THAT REASON, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS INTERESTED IN A CLARIFICATION OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON MEETING THE DEMANDS OF TERRORISTS

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IN A KIDNAPPING CASE.
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